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SUBJECT: THREE CHILEAN WOMEN TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE
IN SANTIAGO JANUARY 18

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1. THE THREE CHILEAN WOMEN MET WITH RAMSEY CLARK, PROMINENT
U.S. LAWYER ACTIVE IN CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS, ON JANUARY 10,
AND WENT WITH HIM JANUARY 11 TO SEE THE CHILEAN CONSULATE,
EXPLAINING THEIR DESIRE TO RETURN TO CHILE TO BE WITH THEIR
FAMILIES AND TO CONTINUE TO SEEK INFORMATION ABOUT THEIR
MISSING RELATIVES AND ADVISING CONSULATE THEY INTEND TO
RETURN JANUARY 18.

2. THE CHILEAN WOMEN TOLD THE VICE-CONSUL THAT THEY WERE
RETURNING BASED UPON AMBASSADOR DIEZ' STATEMENTS, BOTH BEFORE
THE THIRD COMMITTEE AND TO ERIK SUY (GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE
UN), THAT ALL THE WOMEN HAD TO DO TO RETURN WAS SIGN THE
AFFADVIT FORSWEARING POLITICAL ACTIVITY. WHILE NOT REFUTING
DIEZ, THE VICE-CONSUL TOLD THE WOMEN (AS REPORTED BY THE WOMEN
TO MISOFF) THE DIEZ' STATEMENT WAS A "GENERAL WAY

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OF TALKING."

3. FOLLOWING THIS INTERVIEW CHILE DEMOCRATICO REP
CALLED SUY TO ASK HIM TO CLARIFY IF GOC POSITION HAD
CHANGED, OR IF DIEZ STATEMENT WAS STILL GOOD. DIEZ
IS OUT OF TOWN UNTIL "MID-JANUARY." ZEGERS, DEPUTY
PERM REP, ASSURED SUY THAT HE THOUGHT THAT THE SIGNING

OF THE AFFADIVIT WAS ALL THAT WAS NECESSARY, BUT PROMISED TO TALK TO CONSULATE. ZEGERS CALLED SUY BACK JANUARY 12 SAYING AN ANSWER WILL PROBABLY ARRIVE FROM SANTIAGO BY THE WEEKEND.

4. PER TELCONS WITH STEPHENS AND REFTEL, USUN IS SUGGESTING TO WOMEN THAT THEY NOT RETURN UNTIL THE QUESTION OF THEIR STATUS HAS BEEN CLARIFIED BY THE GOC. THAT IS, DO THEY NEED TO APPLY FOR REENTRY, OR IS MERELY SIGNING THE AFFADAVIT FORSWEARING POLITICAL ACTIVITY SUFFICIENT. SUY IS ALSO RECOMMENDING SUCH A COURSE. THEY CAN PROBABLY BE PERSUADED TO DELAY A WHILE IF THE GOC DOES NOT PRODUCE AN ANSWER BY THE 18TH. THE WOMEN AND THEIR ADVISORS ASSURE MISOFF THAT THEY ARE DETERMINED TO RETURN IF POSSIBLE, FOR FAMILY REASONS, AND ARE APPARENTLY EAGER TO AVOID A REPETITION OF THE SCENE OF NOVEMBER 24.

5. AS OF NOW, THE WOMEN HAVE RESERVATIONS ON BRANIFF 979, SCHEDULED TO LEAVE NYC AT 9:30 PM JANUARY 17 AND ARRIVE ABOUT NOON JANUARY 18 IN SANTIAGO. IT IS NOT CLEAR YET WHETHER THEY WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ICRC LIAISON OFFICER FOR CHILE, BUT THAT SHOULD BE KNOWN WITHIN 24 HOURS.

6. MISOFF WAS SURPRISED TO SEE THE THREE WOMEN
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DESCRIBED AS "COMMUNIST" BY THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR IN REFTEL. CHECKING WITH THE WOMEN, ALL THREE DENIED THAT THEY HAVE EVER BEEN A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY. MRS. LORCA'S HUSBAND WAS A DEPUTY IN THE CHILEAN CONGRESS AS A MEMBER OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY, AND SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE SOCIALIST YOUTH MOVEMENT. THE OTHER TWO HUSBANDS WERE TRADE UNION LEADERS, WORKING WITH UNIDAD POPULAR, THE SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE COMMUNIST PARTY, ACCORDING TO THE WOMEN. MISOFF DID NOT INQUIRE AS TO WHETHER THE MISSING HUSBANDS WERE ACTUALLY MEMBERS OF THE PARTY. PERHAPS AMEMBASSY SANTIAGO CAN DELICATELY TELL THE NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR THAT THERE ARE SOME SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENTIATIONS THAT CAN BE MADE AMONG THE OPPOSITION TO THE PINOCHET REGIME.

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